

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant** : **HICKEY, Patrick Colin** **Group Art Unit: 1634**  
**Serial No.** : **10/573,223** **Examiner: FORMAN, Betty J.**  
**Filed** : **March 23, 2006**  
**Title** : **BIOCHIP**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2008. Applicant hereby requests a 2-month extension of time to April 17, 2009. The fee required by 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the extension of time is being paid via EFS-Web concurrently with the filing of this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.